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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SECTION 301 CASE

1. THE FEDERAL REGISTER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, WILL CARRY
THE FOLLOWING NOTICE TERMINATING THE SECTION 301 ACTION
AGAINST THE CANADIAN IMPORT SYSTEM APPLIED TO COMMERCIAL
EGGS:

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
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TRADE POLICY REVIEW GROUP

TERMINATION OF SECTION 301 REVIEW

PURSUANT TO PART 2006.4 OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AS AMENDED, THE TRADE POLICY REVIEW GROUP HEREBY TERMINATES ITS REVIEW OF A PETITION ALLEGING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES BY CANADA AGAINST U.S. COMMERCE IN COMMERCIAL EGGS UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 (DOCKET NO. 301-2).

ON JULY 17, 1975 THE UNITED EGG PRODUCERS, AND ON JULY 21, 1975 THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION, FILED PETITIONS ALLEGING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES BURDENING U.S. COMMERCE IN COMMERCIAL EGGS. THE PRACTICE COMPLAINED OF WAS THE IMPOSITION BY CANADA OF AN IMPORT QUOTA ON EGGS PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PETITIONS REQUESTED RELIEF UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT, THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, THROUGH THE TRADE POLICY REVIEW GROUP AND THE SECTION 301 COMMITTEE, CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE PETITIONS. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF VIEWS BY INTERESTED PARTIES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SOUGHT AND OBTAINED AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM A WORKING PARTY OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) REGARDING THE GATT ASPECTS OF THE CANADIAN ACTION. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN IN PARALLEL WITH EXTENSIVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKING REMOVAL OF THE RESTRICTIVE EFFECT OF THE QUOTA ON U.S. EXPORTS OF EGGS TO CANADA.

AS A RESULT OF THESE ACTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A QUOTA FOR IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF 100,000 CASES OF SHELL EGGS, APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE THE LEVEL ORIGINALLY IMPOSED. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS ALSO AGREED TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN THE FUTURE INVOLVING CANADIAN EXPORTS OF SHELL EGGS TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MARKETS. ON THE BASIS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE

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TRADE POLICY REVIEW GROUP HAS CONCLUDED THAT ACTION IS NO LONGER REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 AND THAT THE PURPOSES OF THAT ACT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED THROUGH A BILATERAL RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, THE TRADE POLICY REVIEW GROUP HEREBY

TERMINATES THE REVIEW OF PETITION NO. SECTION 301-2.

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